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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 11, 1985

Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

As you know, I have recently been appointed a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. I am looking forward to working closely with you and your colleagues in the intelligence community, and want to apprise you of a particular set of issues that I intend vigorously to pursue.

You may already be aware that I have proposed that U.S. government personnel be given certain expanded powers to make arrest of terrorists overseas in particular circumstances. this connection, I intend to study very carefully the issue of whether the intelligence community is devoting sufficient resources to international terrorism, and whether it is properly organized to bring those resources to bear on the determination of what groups or individuals bear the responsibility for partic-

As a first step toward forming some educated conclusions on these issues, I would like to learn precisely what the U.S. government knows about the identities of those responsible for the bombings of our embassy in Beirut, and the abuses of U.S. government personnel aboard the Kuwaiti airliner that was hijacked to Tehran. I would appreciate your arranging for me to be thoroughly briefed on these issues at an early date.

I am still in the process of hiring a staff person for the Intelligence Committee, but if you have any questions about my request, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Eric Richard or Suzanne Spaulding of my personal staff.

My best.

Sincerely,

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